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Attorney Docket No. A-70345-1/RBC/V12
Application No. 10/759,575*REMARKS*

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-22, 30-32 and 51-55 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 12, 30 and 54 being the independent claims. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. Applicant submits the foregoing amendments do not raise new issues and present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 55 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 55 has been amended to recite that the joinery member further comprises the recited screw. Thus, the joinery member of claim 55 generally includes a member and a fastener (e.g., screw) in manner similar to that of claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 55 is overcome by the accompanying amendment thereto.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-22, 30-32 and 51-54 are allowed.

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Application No. 10/759,575*CONCLUSION*

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. As noted above, if the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 467127-00023; Docket No. A-70345-1/RBC/VEJ).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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